

Vassar Rach, 35

Vassar Rach, 35, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2014 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, Montana.

Survivors include his wife Jazelle Rach, son Brandon Rach and father

Jeffrey Rach.

Memorial services will be announced at a later time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Steven Thomas Rademaker, 57



Pass in Glacier Park with great friends! Steve was even able to finish The

Summit's "80-mile swim around Flathead Lake" in 2014. Steve was a finisher in the 2011 Coeur d'Alene Iron Man and past winner of Spokane's Hoopfest. He loved the water and his favorite time was spent boating and camping each year on Kalispell Island at Priest Lake with family and friends. Steve was crazy about his grandchildren and savored the time he spent with them. He loved his University of Montana Grizzlies, his cowboy boots and his labs, Rocket and Breaker.

Steve thought highly of life and was truly "golden." In the end, we were left with his essence — a radiant smile, an optimistic attitude and an instinctive kindness.

Steve was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Rademaker.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, and son, Nikolas, daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, and grandsons, Landon and Steven Rademaker. Steve is also survived by his father, Thomas Rademaker, and wife, Joyce; siblings, Karen Simpson and husband Joe, Mike Rademaker and wife Marge, and David Rademaker and wife Shauna; and nine nieces and nephews, Janelle, Mark and David Simpson, Jayden and Caleb Rademaker, Carmel Chapa, Brooke Rose McGuire and Amanda and Angela Andrikopoulos.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, where we will bow our heads, not in sorrow, but in the deepest of gratitude for having known this wonderful man.

"Oh, and Steve, 'URT-BO!' (You are the best one!)."

A reception at the Church will follow the service. If desired, donations can be sent to

the KRH Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901: Attn: "Steve's Healing Place." A bench will be placed outside The Rock Building for patients and family to sit and heal while gazing at the Peaks of Glacier National Park.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Steve's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence and sign Steve's guest book.

Our family is heartbroken to share with you that our beloved "Griz," Steven Thomas Rademaker, 57, passed away on Dec. 8, 2014.

Steve was born in Denver to Thomas and Patricia Rademaker on March 18, 1957. He grew up in Lewistown, in the heart of Montana, and graduated from Fergus County High School.

Steve graduated from the University of Montana in 1979 and the Western Montana Center of Medical Technology in Missoula in 1980. Steve was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Steve began his medical career high in the mountains of Colorado at St. Vincent Hospital in Leadville, where he loved to hike the highest peaks and skied to his heart's content for 11 years.

Steve married his high school sweetheart, Susan, in 1981 and in 1990 they had a son, Nikolas Steven. The family eventually moved to Spokane where Steve managed hospital laboratories for Valley Hospital, Shriner's Hospital for Children and Providence Holy Family for over 20 years.

Steve moved home to Kalispell, his "healing place," in the late summer of 2011 and worked as the laboratory director for Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He loved every minute he spent working at the hospital and playing in the Flathead Valley!

Steve had a passion for sports and excelled at them. He was an incredible athlete who could endure chemo and still ride his bike up Logan

Phyllis M. Buck Ramey, 80

Phyllis M. Buck Ramey, 80, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, at the Kalispell Heritage Place care center, surrounded by her family and a compassionate staff. Phyllis passed away due to complications from COPD.

She was born April 18, 1934, in the family home in Creston to Phil and Wilma Buck. She grew up on the family truck garden farm in Creston. Phyllis attended first through eighth grades at the Creston School and went on to graduate from Flathead County High School in 1952.

She spent most of her adult life in Las Vegas, and after 40 years retired from working at the Union Plaza Hotel. The past seven years Phyllis has called the Kalispell Heritage Place home where she was loved and well taken care of.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Phyllis has three children, daughter Joan Weaver of Creston, daughter Donna Ramey of Las



Vegas, and son Tim Ramey of Las Vegas. Phyllis has five grandchildren, Casey and Sky For-

ester, Jazmin Townsend, and Sean and Brett Williams. She also has three great-grandchildren; and is also survived by her sister, Frances Baltrusch, of Havre.

Her extended family and many friends will miss Phyllis' quick wit, her laughter and her musical talent.

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Kalispell Heritage Place. Burial will take place at the Creston Cemetery.

The family suggests that all donations go to the Kalispell Health Care Foundation, Respiratory Therapy, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; 406-751-6930.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Phyllis' family.

Don Paul Rantio, 86

Don Paul Rantio, 86, passed away July 15, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Don was born in Butte on June 8, 1928, to Abe and Catherine Rantio. He went to school in Butte and never pursued a secondary education, but instead entered the work force.

Don's professional career began as a bakery owner. He owned and operated his Dillon bakery until he came home from Korea. Don enlisted in the United States Air Force on Nov. 17, 1950, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 16, 1954. During his time in the Air Force, Don was a radar bombardier and technology specialist. Don was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, U.N. Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After his arrival back in the United States, Don was offered a job with Emerson Radio in a research laboratory in Washington, D.C. As a civilian, Don returned to Korea, working for Emer-



son as an advisor to the Korean government.

Emerson

also sent him to Vietnam and eventually Iran, where he was stationed for seven years.

Don met his wife Kum and in 1966, before he moved to Iran for Emerson Radio, they married. Don worked as a consultant to the minister of communications and helped to head the project of wiring the entire country for communication purposes. After his employment with Emerson, Don began working with Sprint and eventually retired from the company.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Kum Rantio; daughter, Colleen Rantio; and stepson, Jung Lee.

There are no services planned at this time.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Art F. 'Bubba' Ray, 40

Art F. "Bubba" Ray passed away Monday, June 2, 2014, at Hospice at the Chaplaincy in Kennewick, Wash., after a brief battle with cancer. Bubba was 40 years old.



Bubba was born Aug. 26, 1973 in Conrad. He lived and attended school in Sunburst. He entered the Anaconda Job Corps in May of 1996 where he earned his GED/high school diploma and completed the heavy equipment mechanic trade training.

He loved hunting, camping, boating, fishing and spending time with family and friends. He spent many years living in Kalispell where he worked in various capacities, including Plum Creek, Semitool, The Blue Moon as a bouncer, and as a wildlands firefighter. After living in the Spokane Valley, Wash., for a short time

he relocated to Tucson, Ariz., where he worked as a heavy equipment operator until he was severely injured in a motor vehicle accident, after which he returned to Washington State.

Bubba is survived by his three wonderful children, Madison, Katelyn and Dylan; mother, Joyce, and Ron Bair; sister, Melissa, and Erik Kulbeck; nephew, James Lyle; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Bubba's life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Red Lion Hotel in Kalispell.

A memorial page has been created at www.life-tributescenter.com.

Laura Ellen Reardon, 88

Laura Ellen Reardon, 88, of Polson, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014, at The Pines of Polson.

No services are planned

at this time.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marjorie Redding, 87

Marjorie Redding of Columbia Falls "went home to be with the Lord" on June 9, 2014. She was 87.

Born on April 13, 1927, in Newport, Idaho, she was the daughter of John A. and Clara E. Anderson. Shortly after she was born, her parents moved to Lethbridge, Alberta, to be near family. In her elementary years, they moved to Kalispell and then eventually to Whitefish where she graduated from Whitefish High School in 1945.

She spent her early years working at Markus Grocery in Whitefish where she met her husband-to-be, Don Redding, and they were married on May 10, 1950. They lived in Martin City, then Whitefish and finally in Columbia Falls. They had two children, Tracy and Jaclyn.

Marjorie was a stay-at-home mom with her children until the early '60s when she began building



up her territory as an Avon representative. Her kids remember her success selling Avon

due to the living room being frequently overrun by Avon orders as she prepared for her deliveries. Then years later she went to work for the Park Merc, working in fabrics and women's clothing in Columbia Falls where she remained until retiring in 1986.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and dedicated member of the Fellowship Alliance Church. She participated in teaching Sunday School at Our Savior Lutheran Church in her earlier years and was involved with Awana through the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls. She enjoyed serving in the church wherever she

could.

Doing crafts was her hobby of choice and she taught herself to sew at a very early age. Along with sewing she enjoyed cross stitch, knitting and crochet. Her greatest passion was her love of animals, especially her dogs.

During her retirement years, Marjorie and Don enjoyed their newly built retirement home and traveling in their fifth wheel trailer. Camping in Glacier Park was one of her favorite places to go, along with their trips to visit family and friends. She loved having friends drop in on them to visit and share stories.

Marjorie is survived by her son, Tracy, and Ann, of Issaquah, Wash.; daughter, Jackie Burrell, and Rick, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Andrew, Stephen and Emily Redding; a great-granddaughter, Avery Jo Redding; and one cousin, Cecil DePratu of Lethbridge, Alberta.

A viewing is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. today, June 13, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, followed by a reception at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls from 2 to 5 p.m. Please join us in celebrating and sharing stories with family and friends.

We would like to thank the staff at Bee Hive Homes of Columbia Falls for their dedicated service in caring for our mother the past four years. Also, to Home Options Hospice for their part in caring for our mother in the final weeks of her life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Great Commission Fund through the Fellowship Alliance Church, P.O. Box 148, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; or Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Drive, Suite 600 Kalispell, MT 59901.

Richard 'Rick' Reid, 66

Richard "Rick" Reid, 66, died Sunday, June 29, 2014, at his home in Bigfork.

No services are planned

at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Colin Mark Reis, 48

Colin Mark Reis left this world on March 22, 2014, "to be united with his Heavenly Father in a 'Happy Place.'"

He was born on March 22, 1966, in Aberdeen, S.D., to Mark and Audrey Reis.

After graduation from high school in 1984, Colin attended Northern State University in Aberdeen for a year, then moved to St. Cloud, Minn., to continue his education. He met Amy Schwinghammer there; they were married and had one son, Alex.

With a great sense of adventure, Colin lived in various places before



nature's beauty. Colin started and was the owner and operator of A&C Landscape from 1998 until the time of his death.

Colin also had a truly genuine appreciation for quality in music. He began building amazing speakers as a young man and continued to do so until the time of his death. He had a pas-

settling in Bigfork. He found his true passion in landscaping in Bigfork, an area already so filled with

sion for photography, an amazing sense of humor, dearly loved the great outdoors, children and needless to say, his favorite cat, Twinkie.

Colin was preceded in death by his brothers, Markus and David; his maternal grandfather, August J. Vilhauer; his paternal grandmother, Eva Reis Schile; and paternal grandfather, Michael Reis Sr.

Colin will be missed by many dear family members, friends and loved ones.

Colin is survived by his son, Alex, of Bigfork; his mother, Audrey Lapka, of

Bigfork; his father, Mark Reis, of Aberdeen; two sisters, Michele (Bruce) Mastel of Mitchell, S.D., and Aimee (Neil) Chalmers of Albert Lea, Minn.; one brother, John (Bry) Reis, of Kalispell; his maternal grandmother, Alma Vilhauer, of Bigfork; and numerous special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 9, at the Assembly of God Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Lynn Lapka officiating. A reception will follow in the lower level Fellowship Hall.

Theresa Rempp, 88

Theresa Rempp, 88, of St. Ignatius, died at St. Luke Extended Care in Ronan, Wednesday, June 25, 2014.

Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

William 'Bill' Robert Repnak, 83

William "Bill" Robert Repnak, 83, passed away at his home in Lakeside on April 8, 2014, from a degenerative heart condition. With the wonderful help of Hospice, his family was able to care for him during his final days and were with him at his bedside when he peacefully passed away.

He was born to Anna and Julius Repnak on Nov. 3, 1930, in Billings where he spent his youth.

Bill served during the Korean War for two years. On July 12, 1953, he married his friend and lifelong bride, Elsie Crawford. They moved to the Flathead Valley where they raised their six children. Bill was employed at the Anaconda/Arco Aluminum Plant for 32 years until he retired. He was happiest when he was camping, hunting, fishing and boating with his family. Campgrounds around Flathead Lake and Hungry Horse Reservoir provided many precious memories for Bill and the family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elsie; brothers, Don, Charles and Joe; and his sisters, Mildred and Judy.

He is survived by his six children, Laurie Scott and husband Mike, Bob Repnak and wife Cathy, Rick Repnak, Luanne McCarthy and husband Don, Jolene Wolfe and husband Jody, and Pam Wright and husband



Frank. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Anne and Paige Repnak, Angela Jacobsen, Jill and Katie Good-nough, Nathan and

Amanda Wolfe, and Kyle and Amy Wright; as well as two great-grandchildren, Markus Jacobsen and Brooklynn Wright. Bill is also survived by his brother, John; and sisters, Louise and Pat.

To respect Bill's wishes, there will not be a service at this time. The family will celebrate the life of this wonderful man later this summer. If you wish to do something in his honor, go fishing, go camping, spend time with your family, tip a beer, enjoy a hot tub, pet your dog, laugh or smile — just be happy and enjoy life — that is what he did.

The family requests that any flowers or gifts be given in the form of financial donations to the Home Options Hospice, www.kalispellregional.org/krmc/home-health-hospice/give-home-options. They provided the vital support network for the family in their time of need.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Bill's family.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE



will be held for
BILL REPNAK
who passed away on April
8th, 2014, and his wife
ELSIE REPNAK
who passed away on
December 20th, 2008 at
**Glacier Memorial
Gardens Cemetery**
AUGUST 8th at 10a.m.

Glacier Memorial Gardens is located at 2743 US

Hwy. 93 North of Kalispell.

Family and friends welcome.

Martha Rethmeier, 90

Martha Rethmeier, 90, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2014, in Kalispell.

She was born on April 8, 1924, to Frederick and Martha Berndt in Sturgis, Mich. She attended middle school in Sturgis, later graduating at Highland Park High School in Michigan. After high school, she attended the Highland Park Junior College.

Martha married Ronald Bever on Dec. 20, 1949, in Pontiac, Mich. She later remarried to Frederick Eugen Rethmeier on Oct. 31, 1969, in Las Vegas.

Martha possessed an incredible amount of energy and poured her entire heart and soul into ever project she attempted. Throughout her life, she was a mother and homemaker. During her adulthood she became an office manager to Lacy Court Reporting Co., then went on to be an office manager for a trucking company as well. Later in her life, Martha was a hospice volunteer and a senior companion for the visually impaired for many years of faithful service.

She was a member of the Delta Theta Chi Sorority, the Montana Association of the Blind, and a member of the Evergreen Alliance Church.

Martha was a philatelist and enjoyed saving



stamps, coin collecting, gardening, card playing, music and was an avid rock hound. She

also loved dancing, reading, canning and pets.

Martha was a very loved and truly a giving mother and grandmother to her family. She will be missed by all of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Martha Berndt; and husband, Frederick Rethmeier.

She is survived by her five children, Margaret E. Magee of Oregon, Christine A. Schlüter of Bremen, Germany, Roger A. Rethmeier of California, Stephen P. Rethmeier of California, and Melodi Gower of Kalispell; along with 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

An open house to celebrate Martha's life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, at Heritage Place Healthcare Community, 171 Heritage Way in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Martha's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Martha's tribute wall.

1980s era Sheriff Chuck Rhodes dies

By LYNNETTE HINTZE
The Daily Inter Lake

Former Flathead County Sheriff Chuck Rhodes, whose local law enforcement career spanned 27 years, died Monday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was 79.

Rhodes started work at the Sheriff's Office in 1963 and by 1967 was promoted to chief criminal deputy.

During his time in law enforcement he was an advocate of local search and rescue efforts, and on a state level Rhodes was one of the first deputies elected to the board of directors for the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association in 1970 when a change was made to allow deputies to serve as board members along with sheriffs.

In 1982 Rhodes ran against incumbent Sheriff Al Rierson and won by a landslide, garnering 13,672 votes to Rierson's 6,965 votes. His campaign theme, "A peace officer, not a politician," resonated with voters. He campaigned in favor of long-range planning in the Sheriff's Office and advocated drafting a five-year plan for outlining goals in the department.

Rhodes easily won re-election in 1986, holding back a challenge from Chief Deputy Delbert "Del" Brenneman. Rhodes declined to run again in 1990, giving an opportunity for Jim Dupont to begin his long career as sheriff when he defeated Rierson in the Republican primary and then beat Brenneman in November.



CHUCK RHODES

"Chuck was a good guy who wanted to do the job right," recalled former Inter Lake law enforcement reporter JoAnn Speelman Dramer. "He wanted the law to be upheld and expected his people to do the same."

Rhodes was known as a man who stuck to his principles. That was evident in a July 7, 1988, Associated Press story that noted how Rhodes said he was "willing to go to jail" rather than comply with a Flathead District Court order requiring him to accept juvenile prisoners at the new county jail.

Rhodes said he was "not fighting the judges but the system. The American Civil Liberties Union and the federal regulations say we cannot house juveniles with adults. Numerous court cases say they can't be combined."

"I'm trying to protect myself, my staff and Flathead County from lawsuits," Rhodes said.

Then-District Judge Michael Keedy was also quoted, saying "this order does not leave the option open. The sheriff had said he'd comply only with a court order. Now he has one."

Rhodes wrote to the Flathead County commissioners saying he was opposed to accepting juveniles and had ordered his

personnel not to comply with the court order. Failure to comply with his order not to accept juveniles "will result in automatic dismissal," the sheriff said.

A Flathead Valley native, Rhodes also served as undersheriff for two years under Sheriff Ross Wilson during his long tenure in law enforcement. He started one of the early programs in area schools for drug education and deemed that "a proud achievement."

When Rhodes was elected sheriff in 1982 he had logged 16 years with Flathead Search and Rescue, had served as a Sheriff's Posse member and as deputy coroner for many years. He also had served with the Montana National Guard for 31 years at the time he was elected and held the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Funeral services for Rhodes will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with burial at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Charles 'Chuck' Rhodes, 79

Sheriff Charles "Chuck" Rhodes (ret.), passed away peacefully on May 5, 2014, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, at the age of 79. He was surrounded by family and cared for by the most wonderful staff imaginable. He had struggled for many years with Alzheimer's, yet, he always sensed when his family was near him. Chuck was known for his dazzling smile, his impish sense of humor, and for his drive to make sure everyone was taken care of and safe.

Chuck entered the world on Jan. 20, 1935, in Kalispell. He was the first-born child of Elmer J. and Gertrude "Goldie" McCullough Rhodes. He lived in Somers, Kalispell and Columbia Falls, graduating in 1954 from Flathead County High School.

Chuck had three loves — family, military and law enforcement (which included search and rescue and posse). The order in which he loved them depended on what was going on at the time.

In 1956 he married the love of his life and best friend, Catherine "Kitty" Fleming. They had two children, Scott and Carrie. "Family" also meant pets. Chuck was always finding this dog or that horned lizard that needed to be brought home. At one point, there were over 100 creatures, encompassing 10 different species living at his house.

Chuck entered the Montana National Guard at age 17 as a buck private, retiring as a lieutenant colonel at the age of 60. He was one of the original three EMTs with the ALERT Air Ambulance and was also a lifetime member in the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse and the Flathead County Search and Rescue.

To serve and protect his community, Chuck dedicated 27 years to the



Flathead County Sheriff's Office, the last eight as sheriff/coroner. One of his key goals was to replace the dungeons of the original

jail house with a modern facility in the new Justice Center.

After "retirement," Chuck and Kitty were campground hosts at Spotted Bear for 11 years during the summer and "desert rats" in Quartzsite, Ariz., in the winter.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Goldie Rhodes; sister, Verda Stevens; and half brother, Cecil Rhodes.

Chuck is survived by Kitty, his wife of 57 years; daughter, Carrie "Dusty" Roth, and Jan; son, Scott Rhodes, and Naomi; and three sisters, Ella Mae Stevens, Ruby Rhodes, and Velma Treat and Dwight. He is also survived by five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several other relatives.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today, May 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory. Interment will be at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Montana Veterans Home, Flathead or North Valley Search and Rescue, or a charity of your choice in Chuck Rhodes' name.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Lester Rhodes, 63

Lester Rhodes, 63, died in Kalispell on Dec. 18, 2014.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Shandy Kayne Rhodes, 39

Swimley; numerous nephews, nieces and lifetime friend Joe Kola.

Who was Shandy Rhodes? Son, brother, friend of hundreds, infectious smile, man of many hairstyles, hats, cats, dogs, Guinness, Led Zep-pelin, unbridled energy,

stepfather,

Bonnie

and Dale

Jones;

brothers,

Kenneth

Rhodes

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Rhodes; sister, Roberta



Shandy Kayne Rhodes, born April 17, 1975, near Troy, "Up the Yaak," died at age 39 on Aug. 26, 2014, in Kalispell of natural causes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Scott Rhodes; and is survived by his mother and

Lester Raymond 'Ray' Rhodes, 63

Ray Rhodes, 63, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Dec. 18, 2014. His mother, father, brother and little sis, "were there to greet him to his heavenly home."

Ray was born on Jan. 6, 1951, in Kalispell, to Lester George Rhodes and Orrine (Lynch) Rhodes. He attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. He then graduated from Helena Vo-Tech in auto mechanics.

He came back to the



Flathead and worked at Anaconda Aluminum Co. for a time, later working at the Outlaw Inn and Grouse Mountain as a maintenance man.

Ray was a very gentle man. He enjoyed reading, was especially fond of history of any kind, Montana being his favorite. Comic sketching was something he liked to do, his best sketches were of the

cartoon character, Rick O'Shay; he was very good at it.

The place Ray was most comfortable, was in the woods of Rhodes Draw, it being the homestead of his great-grandfather, John Rhodes. He loved to hunt and fish, especially with his brother Larry. They spent many enjoyable hours just being out there in the woods of their heritage.

Ray was preceded in death by his father Lester George, his mother Orrine, brother Larry,

and a sister, Joyce Pearl.

He is survived by his loving aunts and many cousins.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Betty Evelyn (Leisure) Rice, 92

Betty Evelyn (Leisure) Rice, 92, passed away Dec. 22, 2014, after a full life.

She was born on the family farm Nov. 21, 1922, which is on State Road 28 west of Elwood, Indiana, just over the Tipton County line, to Audie Esther (Lewis) and Ray David Leisure. She was the eldest child and had four brothers, Omer, Richard, David and Robert.

After graduating from Elwood High, she attended business school in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She met and later married John Sherman Rice on July 26, 1941, and settled in

Fort Wayne. When John returned from the South Pacific after World War II, their first daughter, Mary Jane, was born in 1946. Their second daughter, Deborah Anne, was born in 1948. The family later moved to Leo, Indiana. In 1987, after John's death, Betty moved to Hungry Horse, and in 1995 she settled into her home south of Columbia Falls on Middle Road.

Betty is survived by daughters, Mary Jane and Jim Decker of Fort Wayne, and Deb and Rob Bechtel of Columbia Falls; granddaughters, Abigail

and Sean Creigh, and Jennifer and Larry Wroza of Rochester Hills, Michigan; great-grandchildren, Cole and Killian Creigh, Lauren, Anthony and Owen Wroza; and her brothers, Omer and David Leisure of Tipton County. She is loved and missed by her family and her special kitty, Sparky.

For the past year Betty had been under the care of Frontier Home Health and recently Agape Home Care.

She will be buried next to John at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne during summer 2015. The

date of the graveside services will be announced at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Betty's family.

Robert 'Bob' Richardson, 74

Robert 'Bob' Richardson, 74, of Polson, died at St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

No services are planned at this time. Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Leona Belle 'Bette' Richardson, 84

Leona Belle "Bette" Richardson, 84, died Dec. 13, 2014, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughters, Janie Wilcox-

en and Susie Davis.

Her immediate family will be celebrating her life on Christmas day.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Nancy D. Richardson, 42

Nancy D. Richardson, age 42, died at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on Sept. 7, 2014.

Nancy is survived by her husband "Rich."

A Celebration of Life for Nancy is currently pending at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

N. Danielle Richardson, 42

N. Danielle Richardson, 42, passed away on Sunday Sept. 7, 2014, at North Valley Hospital, with her family by her side.

Danielle was born in Whitefish to Daniel B. and Vicki (Scholtze) Framness. Danielle was raised in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School.

Danielle married J. Rich Richardson in 2004. She was a bookkeeper at the North Valley Eagles. Danielle loved taking photos and was an animal lover and also a great cook.

Danielle is survived by her husband, J. "Rich" Richardson, of Hungry Horse; father, Daniel B. Framness; mother, Vicki, and Frank Nicholls; sister, Susie Framness-Kaempfe; and brother, Danny Framness.

A celebration of Danielle's life will be held at

3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the North Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia Falls.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Virginia Lee Riebe, 80

Virginia Lee Riebe, 80, passed away on Dec. 20, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Virginia was born July 27, 1934, in Wenatchee, Washington, to George and Helen Bertrand. Her family moved to Kalispell in 1951 where she finished her senior year and graduated from Flathead High School in 1952. That same year Virginia met her lifelong husband Allen Riebe while he was in the service. They were married just as soon as Virginia graduated high school and while Allen was home on leave, May 23, 1952.

Virginia and Allen were charter members of both the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club and the West Valley Fire Department and Auxiliary, as well as members of the Eagles where they both thoroughly enjoyed dancing and socializing with their many friends.

Virginia was an extremely talented crafts-woman. Her many skills included quilting, knitting, sewing, crocheting, and needlework. She also loved collections of many many kinds from their antique cars to her beanie babies. Virginia loved when her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would visit their little blue house on the hill, which she and Allen built together 56 years ago. She and Allen spent many days on the road traveling to car and truck shows as well as many summers at their



cabin on McGregor Lake with family and friends. Virginia was a wonderful cook and was especially proud of her lefse and huckleberry pies.

Virginia was preceded in death by her eldest son, David Riebe. Virginia is survived by her husband, Allen; her sister, Maureen Baker; and her brother and sister-in-law Arnie and Marion Riebe; her children Pauline, Bill and his wife Cindy, and Mike Riebe; her grandchildren, Jennifer and her husband Young Stebbins-Han, Jonathan and his wife Martha Stebbins, Samantha and Savannah Riebe, and Lindsay and Travis Riebe; and her great-grandchildren, Ella, Jon Tae and Keenan Stebbins-Han.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. An open house will be held at the home of Allen and Virginia following the service and ending at 5 p.m. A private burial will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later time. Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Virginia's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Virginia's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Rozella M. Ridenour, 90

Rozella M. Ridenour, 90, passed away in her sleep on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Rozella was born on July 21, 1923, in Rogers, N.D. to William and Rose (Eggert) Becker.

She graduated from Rogers High School in May of 1940.

Rozella married Darel R. Ridenour on Aug. 5, 1950, in Kalispell and together they raised five children. They bought a pig farm in Lower Valley and lived there, until the flood of 1964 forced them to move to Somers. Rozella loved gardening and had a big garden at their home in Somers. Neighbors always knew, in summer months, that Rozella would have lots of garden-fresh produce for sale. She was locally famous for her delicious dill pickles.



Always up for an adventure, in May of 1999, at age 75, Rozella surprised the family

by announcing that she was selling her home in Somers and moving to Homer, Alaska with her daughter Janet and son-in-law Henry, to help them open a Bed and Breakfast. Rozella loved meeting the people that came to stay at the Bed & Breakfast but after one winter decided to come home to Kalispell to be closer to her grandchildren.

Rozella is survived by her four sons, Dale and Kathy of Waterford City, N.D., Wayne and Doreen of Puyallup, Wash., William and Pam, and Glenn and Karen, all of Kalispell; one daughter,

Janet and Henry Baldauf of Homer; one sister, Dorothy Schauer, of Ashley N.D.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Darel; sister, Galdys Jewitt; and her brother, Pert Becker.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 7 at Johnson-Gloschat funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A memorial celebration will be held at the Vista Linda in Somers following the graveside services.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Rozella's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Rozella's tribute wall.

Martin S. Riedlinger, 92

Martin S. Riedlinger, 92, died Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at the Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, JoAn; and children, Bonnie, Donna, Dennis, Darla and Carla.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 19 at the Troy Church of God. Interment will be at the Troy Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Ransome Victor Rijhoff, 74

Ransome Victor Rijhoff, 74, died in Kalispell July 16, 2014. No services are planned locally. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Claire Lupino Riley, 82

Claire Lupino Riley "went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Monday, July 21, 2014.

She was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Jersey City, N.J., to Nicholas and Claire (LaBruno) Lupino and was the third of six daughters. She learned to read at 4 years old, which initiated her lifelong love for books and education. She decided in third grade that she wanted to be a school teacher, skipped a few grades and graduated high school at 15 1/2. She was the first woman in her very traditional Italian family to learn to drive (her father's plumbing truck!) and go to college. She went to Jersey City State Teacher's College and went on to Seton Hall University for her master's in education.

Claire married Matthew "Rick" Riley in 1961 and they immediately started their family, with Matt being born in 1962, Nick in 1964, and Gina Marie in 1966. She discovered one her greatest joys in life was teaching children to read, so she settled into the first grade classroom for most of her 35 years of teaching. Claire was very focused and had great drive in obtaining her goals but she set everything aside professionally to raise her family. Even though she was retired by the time both of her sons and their wives decided to homeschool, she jumped at the chance to provide curriculum and help teach the 12 grandchildren to read, and as they grew older she took great delight in debating politics with them.

She had a gift for hospitality and we all miss gathering around her kitchen table for pasta fagioli, milk and cookies, and icebox cake.

In 1997, she and Rick



followed the trail of her sons and grandchildren and moved to Montana where she began taking

art lessons and attending Bible Study Fellowship. She became quite an accomplished artist and painted many gifts for family members. She told the story often how all her life she thought that she was being a "good Christian," but through the careful study of the Bible necessary for Bible Study Fellowship, she became convinced that she was a sinner. That shift in thinking opened her eyes to her need for Jesus Christ to save her from the punishment that her sins deserved. She encouraged everyone she knew and loved to go to B.F.S. Claire's cheerful legacy of thoughtfulness and love will endure for generations to come.

Claire is survived by her husband of 53 years, Rick, their son Matt and his wife Sharon, their children Matthew, Sam and his wife Sammi, David, Liz, Joe and Sarah, of Kalispell; their son Nick and his wife Kathy, their children Luke, Nicholas, Noah, Rose, Caleb and Stephen of Columbia Falls; and their daughter Gina Marie of Woodbridge, N.J.; and one great-grandchild, Isaac. Claire is also survived by four sisters, Marie, Dolores, Fredi and Cookie; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Claire will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Faith Covenant Church, 611 Third Ave. E., in Kalispell. Donations in Claire's name can be made to BSF International or Gideons.

Richard Lance Ring, 69

Richard Lance Ring, 69, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Faith Church, with the Rev. Steve Snipstead

officiating. Viewing will begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow the funeral service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Richard 'Dick' Ring, 69

Richard "Dick" Ring, 69, passed away on Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1944, in Faribault, Minn., to John and Ruth (Burgum) Ring. Dick grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota where he learned to work hard, long days. Dick's father passed away when he was in sixth grade, which required him to leave school and work on the family farm.

At the age of 18, he fell in love with driving trucks, where he spent the majority of his career. He hauled many different types of cargo, including logs, wood chips, equipment, Pepsi and Walmart goods. Dick really enjoyed driving truck for Walmart, where he was awarded multiple driving and appreciation awards, including a 3 million-mile award which he was particularly proud of.

Dick liked to make the comment, "I have more miles backing up in a truck than you have going forward." He was also proud of the fact he never had an accident in an 18-wheeler. He was also proud of the fact he outran the law many times in his 1950 Mercury. He drove in every state except Hawaii; he lived in Alaska many years.

Dick enjoyed driving truck, woodworking, camping, mowing with his John Deere riding



mower and riding four-wheelers with his trusty companion dog Sneaker. During his retirement

he also served as camp host at Hungry Horse Reservoir and Lower Thompson Lake.

Dick is survived by his wife of 21 years, Wanda Ring, his two daughters, Ruthie and Mary; and one son, Lance; two stepsons, Gordie and wife Tanya, and Jim and girlfriend Jamee; many grandkids, nieces and nephews, and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Roxie, Rita and Bonnie; and one brother, Wendell.

Funeral services for Dick will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty Street, Kalispell, with Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. A viewing will begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow the funeral service, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will follow interment, at the church.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Dick's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Dick's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

A. William 'Bill' G. Rinck, 63

Bill Rinck, 63, of Coram "is now beyond the ninth wave," according to his Irish ancestors.

Bill was "born into new life" on July 16, 2014, following a six-year life-filled journey with prostate cancer, with which he made peace. He took his last breath with his family at their home, surrounded by nature.

The son of Arno Rinck and Frances Kelly, Bill entered this life April 19, 1951, in Manhattan, N.Y., and was baptized Oct. 14, 1951. He lived in Hackensack, N.J., before moving to Columbia Falls in 1963. In 1968 Bill made his profession of faith. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1969.

Bill married his high school sweetheart, Vicki Byrd of Martin City, on June 6, 1970, at St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls. They knew each other since seventh grade and had been committed since they were 16 years old. While attending college he worked four seasons in Glacier National Park, living summers at Avalanche Ranger Station. He earned degrees in accounting and business administration from Washington State University in 1973, plus a CMA in 1974. He was an accountant for the Anaconda Company/Arco from 1973 through 1977, when he became self-employed as an investment analyst/adviser. Throughout his life, he was an environmentalist. From 2001 through early 2014, Bill assisted and served two international Catholic foundations which promote the preferential option for the poor and peace.

Bill and Vicki lived in Pullman, Wash., from 1970-1973, Martin City from 1973-1975, Columbia Falls from 1975-1978, and 1980-1981, Isle LaMotte, Vt., in 1979, and Coram from 1981 to the present.



He served on St. Richard's Parish committees, the Flathead County Planning Board,

school committees and coached youth sports from 1985-1994.

He is survived by his lady, friend and lover Vicki, whom he more realistically and affectionately called "Bird" at their family home, Aknissal; three children, Cecilia of Coram, and grandchild Apani, Moses and his wife, Alicia, of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ariz., and Kalispell, and grandchildren Makayla and Noah, and Claudette of West Glacier. His spiritual journey centered on right-relationship, compassion, and the quest to find meaning in his life by bringing his soul to consciousness. In his last years, he explored the mysteries of watercolor, Jungian analysis, centering prayer, yoga, and Buddhism, which brought clarity and depth to his Christian beliefs and became part of his daily practice.

Community Taize/wake and sharing with drinks and food will be 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 27 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 28 at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Memorials can be made to Caritas Internationalis, Palazzo San Calisto, Vatican City State V-00120, which assists the poor and oppressed throughout the world; or Pax Christi International, Rue du Vieux Marche aux Grains, 21 B 1000, Bruxelles, Belgium, which works for world peace; or Jim Byrd's Fund for the Poor, St. Richard's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 2073, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Vera May Heinrichson Ripplinger, 86

Vera May (Seney) Heinrichson Ripplinger, 86, of Kalispell, "went to meet with her heavenly Father" March 26, 2014, in Kalispell, due to a brain aneurysm.

She was born July 9, 1927, in Minot, N.D., and raised in Minot and Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School. Her class has met every month since graduation which Vera greatly enjoyed.

On Nov. 25, 1946, Vera married Charles Jerome Heinrichson. They were married 44 years, until his passing in 1990.

On Feb. 18, 2005, she married Andrew Ripplinger.

Vera first worked at the Farmers Union, and later for Petrolane Gas Company for many years until her retirement.

Vera loved and cared deeply for her family and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Dena Seney; brother, LaVerne Seney; sister, Viola Sundgren; and first husband,



Charles Heinrichson.

Vera is survived by her husband, Andrew Ripplinger,

of Kalispell; children, Gary Lee Heinrichson of Kalispell, Gene Charles Heinrichson of Seattle, Renae Lynn Walker of Salmon, Idaho, and Debra May Bloomfield of Bigfork; sisters, Geneva Lockhart and Vera's twin sister Velma Heinrichson, both of Kalispell; and sister-in-law, Doris Seney, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow in the basement of the Kalispell Eagles.

Cards and condolences may be sent care of Debra Bloomfield, P.O. Box 356, Bigfork, MT 59911. Memorial donations in Vera's honor may be sent and will be given to a charity of Vera's choosing.

Robert 'Bob' Raymond Robbin, 81

Robert "Bob" Raymond Robbin passed away Dec. 10, 2014, in Seattle.

Born Sept. 23, 1933, in Kalispell to Raymond O. Robbin and Edna Breen Robbin, he spent his youth and early adulthood summers working on his family's cherry orchard on Flathead Lake. While there, he spent his leisure hours swimming and boating, which in turn became a cherished memory for his children, who also came to work and love the property.

Bob attended Montana State University where he became a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. After attending for two years, he transferred to the University of Southern California in 1955, where he later graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

He was inducted into the United States Army. While being cited as a marksman, he served as a musician, playing the trumpet and French horn in the General's Honor Guard at Fort Hood, Texas.

After mustering out of the Army, he returned to Montana and went to work for National Cash Register in their computer division. While there, Bob helped introduce "modern" computing to Malmstrom Air Force Base and the lodges at Glacier Park.

Utilizing this experience, he came to the University of Washington in 1966 to work on the student information system, computerizing the state library, and then student housing. Although Bob retired from the university in 1995, he remained a devoted Huskie football fan, while also maintaining allegiance to his alma mater, the USC Trojans.

In retirement, Bob remained very active



Seattle Yacht Club and the University of Washington Club.

Bob was a genuine Renaissance man, with a keen eye for art and beauty, a great appreciation and respect for history, an innate feel for how things worked allied with an Old World sense of craftsmanship, and an unwavering commitment to doing things properly — the first time.

Bob brought these characteristics to life in a great many ways — he was a gifted photographer, had become masterful at building miniature houses, and was a gourmet cook who loved to entertain. He loved to travel, seeing the world with his wife, Carmen. As maestro of decorating the family Christmas tree, his creations had a different theme every year and were always a sight to behold.

Most of all, Bob was a wonderful friend, husband, father and grandfather; he will be greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife Carmen, sons Roger, Robert and Christi, and Raymond and Jody, daughter Roxanne and Michael, and 10 grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Northwest Montana Historical Society.

A memorial service will occur at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Seattle Yacht Club.

with memberships in a number of groups, including the Nordic Heritage Museum, Northwest Montana Historical Society, Seattle Art Museum,

F. Gary Robbins, 70

Floyd Gary Robbins, M.D., died March 29, 2014, in Kalispell.

Born Feb. 23, 1944, in North Hornell, N.Y. to Jean C. and Floyd M. Robbins, he was raised in greater New York/New Jersey and Seattle.

Gary was a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Seattle, Pomona College, and the University of Southern California Medical School. He earned the rank of captain in the U.S. Army and served as a flight surgeon in Leavenworth, Kan.

Gary practiced general and vascular surgery with James S. Bonnet, M.D. in Kalispell for 27 years and was the first fellowship-trained peripheral vascular surgeon in the state of Montana. He served in multiple capacities at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, including A.L.E.R.T., Department of Surgery chairman, and chief of staff. He was a supporter of the Boys and Girls Club and various veterans' services.

Gary was an avid sports fan with an encyclopedic memory of sports, geography and early rock and roll music. A former



two-sport athlete at Pomona College, he earned NAIA Honorable Mention All American recognition in basketball in 1965. He spent

time traveling with family and friends to college basketball and football games and tennis and golf tournaments around the world.

Gary is survived by two sisters, Deborah R. Fleming of Bellevue, Wash., and Janet R. Hosenpud, M.D. of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two children, Susan R. Rieflin of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Donald J. Robbins of Seattle. He leaves four grandchildren, Jacob and Daniel Rieflin, and Campbell and Quinn Robbins, and many dear extended family members and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held in Kalispell in August. For details please contact Don Robbins at (206) 850-6334 or donald-jrobbins@gmail.com.

John R. Roberts, 73

John R. Roberts, 73, of Havre, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, at the Big Sandy Medical Center due to cancer.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Havre Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery.

John requested that memorial donations be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children or the charity of the donor's choice.

Holland & Bonine Funeral Home has been entrusted with services and arrangements. Please visit John's online memorial page and leave a message of condolence for his family at www.hollandbonine.com.

John was born on July 29, 1941, in Shelby to John W. and Anna (Jacobs) Roberts. He was raised in the Flathead area, attending schools in Columbia Falls, Evergreen and Kalispell. Following his school years, he moved to Havre.

John met his beloved wife, Joyce Buethe, in 1964, and the couple later married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Their union was blessed with nine children. John and Joyce remained in Havre where they raised their children.

Before moving to Havre, John worked as a sawyer/logger and truck driver. John worked for several companies over the years, including Massey Ferguson and Havre Tire. In 1977, John established his first business as Johnny's Auto Repair where he spent time repairing



vehicles, which later became Big Sky Exxon U-Haul. In 1984, he became a U-Haul dealership.

In 2002, John moved his business east of town and became Roberts Big Sky Repairs and U-Haul with his family.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 1922 in Kalispell, the Eagles Aerie No. 166, and was a former Elks member.

John loved to go camping, hunting and fishing, but his true joys were spending time with his family and singing and playing in Montana Wranglers with his beloved Joyce. John was a very musical man who excelled at playing most any musical instrument.

John was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce (Buethe) Roberts, in 2013; his parents, John W. and Anna Roberts; his stepson, Larry Hardy; his sister, Rose Marie Bitz; and infant granddaughter, Rebecca Gallagher.

He is survived by his daughters, Peggy Gallagher, Colleen and David Clements, and Cindy and Randy Stidham, all of Havre, and Rosetta "Rosie" and Greg Klemosky of Crestview, Fla.; his stepdaughter, Faith Reid, of Tacoma, Wash.; his son, John R., and Teresa Roberts, of Havre; his stepsons, Winston Hardy of Bellingham, Wash., and Arnold Hardy of Geno, Colo.; his 22 grandchildren; his 23 great-grandchildren; his brother, James W. Roberts, of Priest River, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews.

William S. Rocksund, 85

William S. Rocksund, 85, passed away at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Jan. 14, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nils and Dagny; sister, Ruby Trebas; infant son, Billy; son, Erik; and daughter, Chris.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia; son, Norman and Deb; daughter, Jillene and Kurt Sigler; daughter, Carrie and Shannon Stringer; stepsons, Michael, Jeff and Mark Atkinson; nephew, Russell Rocksund; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

At Bill's request no service is planned.

Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be spread by family members.

Bill was born William Richard Sorensen on July 26, 1928, to Nils and Dagny Sorensen in Chicago. In the late 1930s his parents became citizens of the United States and changed their name to Rocksund after a sound in Norway. Bill was very proud of his Norwegian heritage!

He moved to Whitefish in the 1950s and started his own contracting business. Bill built several businesses and homes in the Flathead Valley, Lake



County, the stairway from the parking lot to Many Glacier Lodge, along with

buildings for the Park Service and Forest Service. Some of his clients had him build a few houses for them.

He and Ben Cohen were the original No. 1 Rowdies, having started soccer in Whitefish. He coached children and women and loved every minute of it! He also played on the Old Pharts team in his 60s. Going to the World Cup Soccer in 1994 was a thrill of his lifetime!

He was an avid sportsman, taking trips on horseback into the Great Bear Wilderness, fishing and hunting elk. He and Marcie took a 100-mile horseback trip into the Bob Marshall for their honeymoon. He spent many years on Lake Koochanusa fishing and camping with Marcie, family and friends.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal!"

A very special thank you to the staff at the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful and loving care provided!

Boyd Robert Rogers, infant

Boyd Robert Rogers, son of Kent and Brinn Rogers, formerly of Whitefish and Kalispell, was born on Nov. 26, 2014, in Leesburg, Va.

He died Nov. 30, 2014, in Fairfax, Va., leaving behind his parents, four siblings, Emma, Camilla,

Flora and Benson; and grandparents, Dr. Robert and Shirley Rogers of Whitefish, and James and Reenie Von Stetten of Lititz, Pa.

The baby is interred at the Delaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Luther-ville-Timonium, Md.

J. Logan Rogers, 91

Brother, physician, husband, father, uncle, father-in-law, grandfather, friend and one of Montana's larger-than-life members of America's greatest generation has passed away peacefully from advanced dementia on Aug. 11, 2014, in Spokane while surrounded by his family.

Dr. John Logan Rogers was born March 5, 1923, at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary-Belle; his brother, Kenneth; and parents, Wilbur L. and Catherine J. Rogers.

Survivors include his son, John Logan Rogers II of Spokane, his son's wife, Judy Long Rogers, and his only grandson and namesake, John "Logan" Rogers III. Dr. Rogers is also survived by his brother Kenneth L. Rogers' nine children (his nieces and nephews) as well as many "shirttail relatives" as he would refer to them and with whom he endeavored to remain in touch.

"Logan," as he was known growing up in Montana, was his mother's maiden name and was chosen for him to preserve it, as there were no surviving children to carry the family name. The Great Depression instilled his tenacity and competitive nature which served him well as an athlete and in his career. He also was born with a wanderlust which was manifested by the necessity of keeping him harnessed to the backyard clothesline.



Dame where he received his commission, and in so doing achieved alumni status. Deployed to the Pacific on the USS

Muliphen, Logan was to receive battle ribbons for Iwo Jima, Saipan and Okinawa before his honorable discharge; this in spite of spending the eve of VJ Day confined to quarters for commandeering a boat to see his high school girlfriend's brother on an adjacent ship.

Returning to civilian life as a student, his talents on the gridiron lead him to scholarship offers from the universities of Wisconsin and Colorado. However, his uncle and mentor Dr. Patrick E. Logan, who practiced over 50 years in Montana, tersely informed the coaches by mail that his nephew Logan was going to pursue medicine rather than football, using his GI benefit to attend Carroll College in Helena where they produced "priests, doctors and scholars." While at Carroll he was student body president and a minority "kid from Great Falls" with the majority attending from Butte or Anaconda. His infamous Carroll exploits included requesting that ties be worn, much to the chagrin of his Silver Bow and Deer Lodge County classmates, as well as confirming by lab test that "the milk the German nuns were serving had been watered down." He matriculated with a degree in microbiology, then went on to Creighton University College of Medicine where he spent time working in the Boy's Town infirmary and traveled with their football team, following his passion for sports medicine.

on to his residency at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois, entering private practice in St. Charles for over 35 years.

While in St. Charles, "Doc Rogers" (as he was known east of the Mississippi) was Delnor Hospital medical staff president, "delivered lots of babies," was active with the Board of Abdominal Surgeons, Academy of Family Physicians, volunteered as a physician on the sidelines of the Fighting Saints High School football games and spearheaded the effort to light the field, became a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, was a trustee for St. Dominic College, a member of the Abbot Marmion Society, enjoyed bird hunting, countless trips to Chicago and its many sports offerings, helped recruit Olympian and Sullivan Award recipient Rick Wohluter to Notre Dame and was a football season ticket holder for over 30 years.

Also, while still living in St. Charles, he purchased a dormant KOA franchise and property on the east shore of Montana's Flathead Lake, 2 miles from where he learned to swim. Thus began the family's annual east-west migration, operating the campground during the summer months. During this time he had also purchased and operated orchards which produced Montana's famous Flathead cherries. This availed him to countless visits from friends and family arriving to enjoy "the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi," and he shared many late summer hours with his son, fly-fishing Montana's Swan River and numerous other activities in the Bigfork area.

project near Kalispell Regional Medical Center and eventually filled in as needed around the country as a Locum Tenens practitioner, maintaining licenses in numerous states and was a lifetime member of the Montana Medical Association.

In his eventual retirement, he became very active with the Montana Ambassadors, receiving the Ambassador of the Year award from Montana Governor Marc Racicot. He was also recognized as a distinguished Golden Jubilarian Alumni from Carroll College and active with the Montana Republicans.

He left Montana moving to Spokane in order to watch his beloved grandson grow up and be near his daughter-in-law and son, eventually losing his wife of 54 years, Mary-Belle, the yin to his yang, from whom he had been separated far too long.

Logan Rogers single-handedly helped to perpetuate the fact that the six degrees of separation are only two or three degrees in the state of Montana. He truly never met a stranger and continued to be excited about life in general, particularly if it involved the sport of football, especially Notre Dame. A kind and loving brother, husband, father, uncle, father-in-law, grandfather, friend to many, devout in his Roman Catholic faith, celebrant of his Irish ancestry and a great man. You would likely find his picture in the dictionary under the word "gregarious." He will be missed.

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Great Falls Bison football coach T.E. Hodges discovered Logan's abilities as a harrier, running the 220 low hurdles and clocking a "10 flat 100-yard dash" developing him into an all-state running back. The Bisons football team traveled the state of Montana and hosted teams from Everett, Washington and Honolulu, Hawaii, and beat the Montana State "Bob Kits" freshmen.

Enlisting in the Navy, he was chosen to attend the V12 Officer Training Program on the campus of the University of Notre

From Creighton, Logan completed his internship at Mount Carmel Mercy in Detroit and was the attending physician at the deathbed of Gus Dorais, Notre Dame's co-inventor of the forward pass. Then

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., in Kalispell and the Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 22 at St. Matthew's Church, 602 S. Main St., in Kalispell.

He departed his Illinois medical practice and became the team physician for the University of Idaho Vandals football team and worked in student health, then moved to Kalispell to continue in family practice, still spending time on the sidelines with the Flathead Braves football team, meanwhile completing the Grandview Townhome

Memorials in the name of J. Logan Rogers, M.D., may be sent to the Carroll College Hunthausen Activity Center Fund, 1601 N. Benton, Helena, MT 59625.

To view Logan's online memorial, please visit www.hennesseyfuneralhomes.com.

Virginia Rita Rogers, 88

Virginia Rita Rogers was born June 14, 1925, in Pasadena, Calif. She completed 14 years of education.

She passed away June 5, 2014, in Kalispell.

Virginia met her future husband and love of her life, Benjamin Rogers, while attending John Marshal High School in Pasadena. Her first job was at an optical company.

Ben joined the Navy and when he returned home they were married on March 4, 1946. They settled in Pasadena. She spent many years raising five children, three daughters and two sons. She also worked part time for the local water company. She was a beautiful seamstress, dabbled in art, loved music and loved to sing and dance. They also enjoyed traveling, which included three trips to Alaska.

When Ben retired from the Los Angeles County sheriffs, they moved to their home in Lakeside. Ben and Virginia enjoyed having lunch at Scotty's almost daily. They hosted many large family gatherings at their home in both the summer and winter.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years of marriage, Ben Rogers; daughter, Katherine Rogers; and



son, Don Rogers.

She is survived by daughters, Rita Rogers of Newport Beach,

Calif., and Carol Corbett and husband Pat of Ellensburg, Wash.; son, James Rogers, of Lakeside; and widow of son Don Rogers, Mary Ellen Rogers, of Manzanita Beach, Ore.; grandchildren, Margot Roche and husband John, Eric Corbett and wife Erin, Heather Grooms and husband Ray, Ben Corbett and wife Joy, Jack Corbett, Jamie Rogers, Genna Rogers, Josh Rogers, Tyler Rogers, Sam Rogers, Tulse Rogers and wife Audrey, Radha Rogers and Carlos, Sara Kibit and husband Henry, Hans Rogers, and Anna Speser and husband Arendt; and 17, plus one on the way, great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m., today, June 11, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Virginia's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Virginia's tribute wall.

Erwin Rohde, 92

Erwin Rohde "went to be with Jesus" on July 30, 2014, after spending 10 days at St. Luke Extended Care in Ronan.

He was born April 27, 1922 in Burwell, Neb. He was the third of four sons, all of whom became ministers.

Erwin graduated from high school in Burwell and from North Central University, Minneapolis, in 1945.

He married Jean Spearman on June 4, 1946. The couple had two daughters.

Erwin served as a pastor for 21 years in Nebraska, and as a state leader for the Assemblies of God before moving to Great Falls in 1966, where he was pastor at Central Assembly for 17 years. In 1983 he became the superintendent for the Montana Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, requiring a move to Billings. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1989.

Most of Erwin's retirement years were spent with his wife in Yuma, Ariz., where he served as pastor for Westwinds RV Park during the winters. Summers found the Rohdes at their cabin at Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse. For the past year, they resided near their daughter in Polson.

Erwin is survived by his wife, Jean; his daughters, Kathy and Paul Olson, and Philly and Gary McRee; grandchildren, Katie and Todd Knutson, and Caleb and Kate Olson; and great-grandchildren, Jane Knutson and Rohde Olson.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Glacier Bible Camp Lodge in Hungry Horse.

Donations may be made to Glacier Bible Camp for the Guest House being built there in Erwin's name.

Virginia Catherine Rohlinger, 98

Virginia Catherine Rohlinger, 98, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at Ridgewood Care Center in Racine, Wis.

She was born in Kenosha, Wis., on Dec. 12, 1915, to George and Mamie Flad.

Virginia was united in marriage to Merlin J. Rohlinger on Oct. 9, 1937, in Kenosha. After Merlin retired, they moved from Libertyville, Ill., to Kalispell where they made many friends and were very active in St. Matthew's Parish. Virginia returned to Wisconsin in 2006 to be nearer to her family.

Virginia loved to garden and always had a large vegetable garden every year. She loved to can and give produce to friends and neighbors.



She was also known for her beautiful rose gardens. She also did beautiful knitting

and needlework.

Virginia is survived by her three children, Dennis, Marion and Gordon; five grandchildren, Janette, George, Roberta, Denise and Joey; also by several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mamie Flad; her brother, Gilbert; and her husband, Merlin.

Services for Mrs. Rohlinger are private.

Condolences may be expressed at www.wilson-funeralhomeracine.com

Michael Leonard Roloff, 31

Michael Leonard Roloff, 31, of Kalispell, was tragically taken from all who loved him on Dec. 26, 2014. A private family funeral service has already taken place. Michael was laid to rest at the feet of his beloved father Dave on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Michael graduated from Lincoln County High School in 2001. Michael was a man of many trades and lent his time and talents to anyone that needed them. He enjoyed doing anything outdoors, be it tennis, swimming, taking a drive or sitting quietly enjoying all the beauty Northwest Montana had to offer.

Most of all, Michael enjoyed being a dad to his 5-year-old son Trace David. Trace was the most important person in Michael's life.

Michael will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him, but especially his son Trace Roloff, mother Ferrial Roloff, best friend and sister Cora Roloff, nephew Mason Roloff, and



many other family and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by this father Dave Roloff,

cousin Dusty Burlingham, grandmother Virginia Burlingham, great-grandparents Dean and Blanche Tasso, great-grandma Roloff and great-grandmother Mary Burlingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to Michael's mom, Ferrial Roloff, at 115 Denver Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

They will be put into a savings account for his son Trace.

Michael's family would like to thank each and every person who has reached out to them at this most trying time. Your prayers and kind words are appreciated. Michael's family and friends will forever remember his amazing hugs, infectious laugh and willingness to give you the shirt off his back. He may be gone from our sight, but never our heart.

Donna Jean Mikkola Rolfson, 69

Donna Jean Mikkola Rolfson, 69, was born on April 20, 1944, to Auna Nordling Mikkola and Filmore John Mikkola.

She died on Jan. 28, 2014, from complications of lupus and pneumonia at what she called "her second home," St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.

Donna always had a smile, a laugh and a sassy comment. She joked that she purchased the second-floor wing of the hospital. Donna said she and God had a good relationship, and she was at peace with the Lord. A very spiritual person, Donna was comforted by her Lord's presence in her life. She was so grateful for the compassionate staff at St. Joseph, including John Payne.

Donna was born in Great Falls, but shortly thereafter, her parents moved to Butte. The Mikkolas owned the Treasure Trail Motel on Harrison Avenue. Donna was an only child, her Dad's second hand and his helper, and her mother's little girl, the one she always wanted. Donna characterized her mother as a calm, sweet, loving woman and said her dad was a renegade. Donna said she was a combination of her parents.

Donna grew up a true Butte girl and was very proud of her Butte heritage. She attended Longfellow Grade School and graduated from Butte High School in 1963. In high school, Donna was a speed skater, she ran track, played basketball and was in the trampoline club. She was involved in everything, a theme that continued throughout Donna's life, as did great hair, an eye for fashion and a sassy attitude.



Polson. Donna said she and Marc fit together like a perfect pair of gloves. Tragically Marc died

in 1979.

Donna remained in Polson and managed various businesses she and Marc owned. Prior to her life-changing ski accident in 2004, Donna enjoyed snow skiing. She also showed Tennessee Walking horses earlier in her life.

A very talented artist, Donna enjoyed painting and woodcarving as well as sewing. She was a member the Sandpiper Gallery and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Donna was a board member for the Sandpiper Gallery, the Lake County Youth Home, the Lake County Festival of Trees, supported the Polson Humane Society and contributed to many Mission Valley groups. A lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi, Donna held all the offices in her group, served as Beta city council president and was chosen Beta sweetheart and woman of the year numerous times.

In her working life, Donna was a beautician at the Hair Port with Dana Blush until she retired. She enjoyed her clients, whom she considered friends and her colleagues.

Donna was an Educational Foundation for Foreign Studies coordinator in Northwest Montana for over 20 years and on the EF state board for five years. She visited more than 10 different countries and received the Mission Valley Citizen Award for her work with EF students. She also was honored with a 1999 Mission Valley Salutes award for her service to youth.

With her great zeal and love of life as a series of adventures, Donna was off to college at the University of Idaho in Pocatello. She completed her cosmetology degree but also fed her curiosity and intellect with communication, psychology and accounting classes. Donna loved the sun and working on her tan.

After college, "with itchy feet," Donna moved to San Francisco and lived a block away from Haight-Ashbury, the epicenter of the flower children.

"What an adventure," she said. It was also the height of women's liberation, and Donna joined other women in burning their bras. Donna learned early from her dad that a woman had the ability to do anything she wanted to do.

After the San Francisco adventure, Donna traveled with a friend to Jacksonville, Fla. She taught at Riverside Hair Academy in Florida and remained close to her own instructor, Irene Forbes. She remembered her students fondly and enjoyed her time in Florida. Donna had a favorite boyfriend there, a Can-Am race car driver, and loved traveling all over with him and his race car.

After Florida, Donna backpacked in Alaska before her father's ill health called her back to Montana to help her mother, and eventually to help her mother retire. The adventure continued when Donna moved to Missoula and taught at Mr. Richard's Hair Academy. While in Missoula, she met the love of her life, Marcus Vern Rolfson. She and Marc married in 1973, and she moved to

Donna was preceded in death by her mother and father; her husband, Marcus Vern Rolfson; and her infant daughter, Tamarra.

Donna is survived by her EF student, Sussi, and Claus Dahstrand, whom Donna considered like a daughter, and family; cousin, Sandra, and Bruce Blotkamp and her children, Tonya and Dan Neuman and family, and Tiffany and Al Wellman and family, and Heather Smith and Chad Blotcamp; cousins, Phillip Smith of Scottsdale, Ariz., Janice Smith-Kasson of Tempe, Ariz., and Marcia Rosser of Knoxville, Tenn.; lifelong friend, Gwen Nelda Bones, of Ronan; friends from the Sandpiper Gallery; and all her special Beta Sigma Phi sisters, with whom she has had a lifelong relationship and considered her Beta sisters as her family. She also leaves behind her pets, Sisu and Zipper.

A celebration of Donna's life will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, at Grogan Funeral Home, and also at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Reception will follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sandpiper Gallery, the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, the Cantlon Family Youth Home or Dollars for Scholars.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Jack Romera

Graveside services for Jack Romera, 90, who died Feb. 28 will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Bigfork Community Cemetery on Swan River Road, with military honors.

Josephine 'Noni' Rombi, 91

On Sept. 23, 2014, 17 days after celebrating her 91st birthday, Josephine Rombi gave final "love yous." She passed peacefully with her only daughter, son-in-law and grandsons at her bedside, with songs and the sound of music playing softly in a room filled with memories, photos, laughter and tears, her nurses and caregivers.

In 1920, her parents left Cuneo, Italy, for a new life in America. She was born on Sept. 7, 1923, in Fresno, Calif., the oldest of three; along with her brother Frank Bottero and sister Doris, forever married to Lorraine Matthews, who all



still live in California. She often shared memories of a life in the family bakery, camping at

Clear Lake and the family cabin in Carmel Valley. Later, trips included outings on their boat named for her and her daughter, "Vicky Jo."

After spending many summers in Montana, she chose river beaches over ocean beaches to always be near her grandchildren, which were her most treasured times. This is when she would tell of

all the adventures she had throughout her life. Because of her strong convictions and deep faith, she was and will remain a source of strength and inspiration to all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie, and her husband of 45 years, Rick; her precious grandchildren, Alex, Chad and his wife Tara and son Kobe, Jessie and his wife Rachel, Caleb and his wife Annie, and Ben and his wife Trista.

"She will forever be looking over shining stars" (her great-grandchildren), Marissa, Macee, Kale, Nash,

Myles, Jada, and a newborn due in December.

Noni's goodbyes always included "Don't work too hard. Take it easy. Lots of love."

She filled rooms with laughter and joy. She softened life's bruises with a hug and a kiss. And now she would say to you, "All my love, Noni."

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Please join us afterward to share memories and celebrate her life.

Marcela Rooks, 72

Marcela Rooks, 72, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2014, after suffering a stroke.

She is survived by

her daughter, Thelma Hotzfield, of Whitefish.

Her ashes will be laid to rest at Aurora cemetery in Wasilla, Alaska.

Glenn Woodrow Ross, 85

Glenn Woodrow Ross, 85, "went home to his Savior" on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014. He passed peacefully in the presence of his loving family at his home in Yellow Bay on the shore of Flathead Lake.

Glenn was born the youngest of five sons to Earl and Margaret Martin Ross of Kendall, Kansas, on Jan. 20, 1929. His formative years were spent in Kendall where he helped on the family farm and worked diligently at the Ross family general store. Glenn excelled at his studies and was a standout athlete in both basketball and baseball. His baseball prowess earned a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team during his senior year. Following high school graduation, Glenn enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years as a radar operator 1st class, giving two years of service in the Korean War aboard the USS Orleck.

Glenn married his high school sweetheart, Flossie Nelson, on Dec. 14, 1952, shortly after his military service concluded. The newlyweds then moved from Kansas to Denver, where Glenn attended Central Business College, earning a degree in business accounting. With this degree, Glenn secured a position at Gates Rubber Company as their cost accountant. During their years in Denver, Glenn and Flossie were blessed with four children, Ken, Cheryl, Bruce and Kathy. Glenn was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed taking his family on fishing and camping trips throughout his life.



and granddaughter Miranda, daughter Kathy and Roger Starkel of Ronan, and granddaughters Cambrie, Carli and Kendra; his beloved sister-in-law, Ruth Ross of Houston; and his loving nieces, nephews and cousins also survive Glenn. Glenn deeply cherished Ross reunions and their special memories.

Glenn lived a life of integrity. He will be remembered as an honest man whose genuine kindness and love touched many. His life was a well-lived example of his faith in Christ.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in support of the ongoing ministries of Ron and Carol Pierce, in care of Ron Pierce, 7664 Montana 35, Bigfork, MT 59901.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Glenn and Flossie moved their family to Montana in 1965, following a vacation to the area the preceding year. Glenn resigned from the Gates Rubber Co. and purchased the Yellow Bay Store in 1966. Glenn and his family successfully operated the community store for 25 years. Possessing a strong work ethic, Glenn owned and operated a cherry orchard, provided accounting services and drove a bus for Polson schools, all while managing his general store.

Glenn and Flossie never missed an opportunity to attend and support their children and grandchildren in their respective extracurricular and sporting endeavors. Glenn was an avid fan and will be missed in bleachers across the state of Montana.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Margaret Ross; his brothers and their wives, Robert and Selma, Sigel and Charlene, Earnest and Virginia, and Keith; and his granddaughter, Brandi Ellingson.

Glenn is survived by Flossie Ross, his devoted wife of 62 years, and their children's families, son Ken and Debbie Ross of Bigfork, and grandchildren Shesten, Ryan and Shannon Ross, daughter Cheryl Ross of Kalispell, and granddaughter Kiersta Ellingson, son-in-law Greg Ellingson of Kalispell, and granddaughter Courtney Burks, son Bruce and Mikel Ross from Tacoma, Wash.,

Harriet M. 'Mo' Rost, 77

Harriet M. "Mo" Rost, 77, died Dec. 24, 2014 at home in Bigfork after losing the battle to lung cancer.

She had been an entrepreneur.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Rost; and children, Cynthia Lea

Johnson, Michelle Marie West, Shannon September DeWandel and Mark Eric Rost.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ryan Rottenbiller, 24

Ryan Rottenbiller, 24, formerly of Whitefish, died in Billings on July 26, 2014.

A memorial service

will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

Eva Nita Rowe, 88

Eva Nita Rowe "went to her heavenly home" on Sunday, May 18, 2014, in Kalispell.

She was born Eva Nita Rupp on Jan. 25, 1926, in Pelican Rapids, Minn. to John and Jessie Rupp. She was the youngest of three, joining brothers Ernie and Russell. The family moved to Carter, Mont. when she was 3 years old. Eva attended elementary school in Carter and went on to attend high school in Fort Benton. She married Donald Knudson in 1946, and they lived in California while Don was serving in the Army during World War II. After his discharge they moved back to the Knudson family wheat farm at Shonkin, Mont.

After working numerous jobs in the medical and clerical fields, she was finally able to pursue her life's dream to be a nurse. She went back to school at the Great Falls Vo-Tech and received her licensed practical nurse degree at age 49. Her first nursing position was at the VA Hospital in Helena. Then she worked at many of the nursing homes in the Kalispell area - North Valley Extended Care, Flathead County Nursing Home, Brendan House and Heritage Place. She had a heart for caring for others and found her special niche in caring for the elderly, which she enjoyed until her retirement in 1988.

In a recent year, when asked what her favorite things were, Eva said, "The song of a meadow-lark, visiting with my friends and family, sharing a cup of tea with a



friend or family, watching and singing along with the Gaithers, lilac hunting - and the

smell of the lilacs, looking at my clean house after cleaning it, and cats!"

Next to nursing, Eva enjoyed, most of all, spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jessie Rupp; brothers, Ernie and Russ; and daughter, Donna Arganbright.

Those left to remember her with love and great gratitude are her daughters, Diane Moore and husband Jim in Ulm, Doreen Miller and husband Dave in Kalispell, and Kay Barstad in Billings; her beloved grandchildren, Jason Moore of Ulm, Jennie Webb and husband Jimmy Joe and children Jimmy and Levi of Condon, Darin Arganbright and wife Anna and children Taylor, Donna, Johanna and Isaac of Fort Benton, Kevin Arganbright and wife Kerry and children Jake, Landis and Eli of Carter, Ben Miller and wife Darcy and children Wyle and Fitz of Prairie du Sac, Wis., and Alissa Christensen of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her current resident kitty, Annibell.

A family graveside service will be held on Friday, May 30, at the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton, and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Ulm Bible Church on Saturday, May 31.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Barry Rowsey

A celebration of life for Barry Rowsey, 57, who died Dec. 9, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Swan Chapel, 22376 Montana 83, in Swan Lake



Please join us as we
celebrate and remember
the life of
Barry Rowsey

Sat. Aug. 16, 2014, 1:00 pm
at the Swan Chapel
22376 Hwy 83, Swan Lake.

Marian Stenger Rundquist, 77

Marian Stenger Rundquist, 77, passed away peacefully at her home in Eureka on May 6, 2014.

Marian was born May 26, 1936, in Great Falls to Ed and Helen Stenger. She was raised in Stanford and graduated from Stanford High School in 1954. Later, Marian attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

Marian married Harold Smail in 1956, and gave birth to her first daughter, Jill, one year later. In 1958, she married John Boadle and they had two children, John "Bob" Boadle and H. Lynne Schweitzer. Marian and John ranched in Augusta until 1965, when Marian moved to Helena and began a short career working at Bell Telephone. She met and married Keith Rundquist shortly after her move to Helena. They relocated to Eureka with the construction of the Libby Dam, where Marian remained until her death.

Many people will remember Marian tending bar at The Stockman's Bar for many years after moving to Eureka. She concluded her career as bartender at the First and Last Chance Bar in 1982.

During what she called her retirement, Marian raised a few cows, cultivated hay fields, and was available to help her

neighbors at all times. She was best known for her hard work and gruff exterior, though her family and friends were most important to her, and she often overlooked her own needs for those of her loved ones.

"Somewhere, Marian is sitting on a tractor with a handful of Saltine crackers and an old milk jug of water, watchful and patient, always ready to lend a helping hand."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Helen Stenger; and her son-in-law, Jay Yost.

Survivors include daughters, Jill Yost, and Lynne Schweitzer and husband Ed, all of Eureka; son, John "Bob" Boadle, of Wenatchee, Wash.; brother, Kenneth Stenger, of Great Falls; grandsons, Eli and Hayley Yost, Isaac and Thomas of Havre, Chad and Jeanna Steiner, Carston and Jackson of Rockland, Calif., and Cody and Elissa Steiner of Milton, Wash.; and granddaughter, Jonna, and Benjamin Schwarz, of Bloomington, Ind.

A memorial service for Marian will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the River Stone Lodge in Eureka.

Local arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home of Eureka.

Ruth Lovering Ruggles, 77

Surrounded by family, Ruth Lovering Ruggles, 77, precious daughter of Forrest and Louisa (Barnum) Lovering, "quietly slipped into heaven" April 3, 2014.

Ruth was born March 19, 1937, in Peoa, Utah. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. She married Burdette Ruggles in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho on Aug. 31, 1959.

Ruth liked to read and garden, and she loved being outdoors, especially going to Glacier Park. She also loved to travel; actually, she loved the destination and not necessarily the travel to get there!

Ruth loved her family and spent every minute she could with them. She loved people and made many good friends during her lifetime, especially her much-loved second family at Fatt Boys. Ruth loved being active. She made giant wreaths at Snowline Tree Company, volunteered at the Food Bank and was always there when her family or friends had a project going on that she could help with. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, mother and father.

She is survived by her son, Dennis Ruggles of Pennsylvania; daughter Brenda and Jim Fenger of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jackie Ruggles of Billings, Wendy Storey of Kalispell, and Shelby and Matt Kirton of Fort Campbell, Ky.; great-grandchildren, Athena and Aidian Storey, and Logan and Denver Dykstra; sisters, Linda and Larry Doty, and Marylin Lovering; sister-in-law, Maxine (Royden) Stubbs of Kalispell; plus many other relatives and friends who love her and will miss her.

Shelby put our feelings into words so beautifully, "Today heaven gained an amazing angel! She was so caring and loving with everyone. She was full of life and healthy. I am so thankful she got to come



out and visit last summer! Never did we expect this to happen so fast. This all

was within just a few weeks of finding out that she was very ill of cancer and other things going on! She will be loved and missed dearly! Grandma I love you."

"Mom, sister, grandma, great-grandma and friend, Ruth, we love you."

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. There will be a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday evening and for one hour prior to services. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ruth's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Ruth's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Margaret Rupp, 77

Margaret Rupp, 77, died Friday, June 27, 2014, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, James "Pat" Rupp; and children, Jim Rupp, Bob Rupp, Linda

Hale, Susan Haag, Tom Rupp, Donn Rupp and Deanna Kelley.

Services are pending. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Irma C. Ruppel, 103

Irma C. Ruppel passed peacefully in her sleep at home on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014.

Born in Toledo Ohio, on Jan. 3, 1911, Irma was cherished by everyone who knew her.

Irma married Alvin Ruppel on June 15, 1931. Known as the Candy Lady for many generations of kids in Toledo, she had a way of touching everyone's lives with her gentle soul. Irma loved gardening, flowers and musical events. Learning to drive in her 60s, she also traveled in Mystery Tours during her last years in Ohio.

After 70 years in her home, Irma moved to the Flathead Valley to be with her daughter and family.

Irma was preceded in death by her loving husband, G. Alvin Ruppel; son-in-law, Paul C. Shelt; her brothers, Arthur, George and Frank Gable; and her sisters, Loretta Carr and Mildred Craig.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann C.



Shelt; two grandsons, Nick Shelt and wife Brenda Lee of Kalispell, and Bruce Shelt and wife Lena

of Anchorage, Alaska; two beautiful great-granddaughters, Stacie Erickson and husband Rocky of Columbia Falls, and Trina Shelt of St. Albans, Vt.; and two wonderful great-great-granddaughters, Bailey and Oakley Erickson.

Irma leaves many friends and family in Toledo as well. Having touched so many lives, she will be missed and our memories of her cherished.

Visitation will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with services to follow at 11 a.m.

Her family requested in lieu of flowers and cards that donations be made to hospice in her memory.

Talia Dianne Rushing, 22 Layton Luke Hallmark, 2

Talia Dianne Rushing and Layton Luke Hallmark of Boise, Idaho passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

Talia was born on June 25, 1992, in Salem, Oregon.

Layton was born on Oct. 11, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

Survivors include Talia's parents and siblings, along with Layton's father, Boone.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday,



July 15, at New Life Church. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Carol Lee (Lawson) Russell, 66

Carol Lee (Lawson) Russell, 66, of Bigfork died at her home on March 14, 2014, of congestive heart failure.

She had been a controller and business manager.

She is survived by her parents, Orvid and Margaret Lawson; husband, Richard Russell; and chil-

dren, Daniel J. Russell, LeeAnn C. Guardina and Donald M. Russell.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, March 16 at the Bigfork Chapel, 290 Swan Highway, in Bigfork.

Cremation has occurred. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Donald E. Ryan, 96

Donald E. Ryan, 96, died Thursday, July 17, 2014, at his daughter's home in Kalispell, of natural causes.

He is survived by his daughters, Anne Ryan Mahoney of Kalispell,

Patricia Ryan of Whitefish, Susan Ryan Dickey of Ohio, and Maureen Ryan of Arizona; and son, Don E. Ryan Jr., of California.

Burial will take place at Saratoga National Cemetery in Saratoga, N.Y.

Jack Ryan, 83

Jack Ryan, 83, went to be with the ultimate kingpin on Sunday, July 27, 2014.

He was born June 23, 1931, in Kiowa, Kansas, to Orrville Ryan and Iona Withrow-Ryan-Skinner.

Jack finished eighth grade before he started his working career. In his 20s he was what was called a custom cutter, who traveled to Denton, Montana, to work the harvest. There he met Geraldine Fenner, and they were married Aug. 21, 1959. They had three children before they moved to Columbia Falls in 1965 — Sonya, Kip, and Clete. Tonya came later in 1969.

Jack was employed at Plum Creek for most of his career. During this time he also held a second job at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Jack and Gerry were divorced in 1988. He ended his working career as a security night watch-



man and swamper for Gress's at the Ol' River Bridge Inn in Columbia Heights. He

invested in an RV that he was going to travel the country in, during his retirement, but ended up just staying in the Flat-head Valley.

Jack was a hard worker and always took pride in his work and providing for his family. He loved music, especially the Big Band Era, and Louis L'Amour Westerns. He was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to basketball, baseball and football. He was always willing to place a bet with you. He was one of the board members for Glacier Twins for many years. He enjoyed fishing the rivers. Jack's passion was bowling. He

was an avid bowler and belonged to many leagues throughout the valley. His favorite thing to do the last years of his life was to go watch and coach his grandsons Dirk and Gage on Tuesday night Men's League at the Glacier Lanes in Columbia Falls. Jack also belonged to the North Valley Search and Rescue as a volunteer.

Jack was preceded in death by his father Orrville Ryan, mother Iona Skinner, stepfather Bill Skinner and sister-in-law Jean Ryan.

He is survived by a brother Rusty (Vernon) Ryan, sister and brother-in-law Paula and Sam

Chung, daughter Tonya and her family Kirk, Shayna, Hannah and Olivia Atlee, son Kip and his wife Jane, and their family: Daniel and wife Jenny Ryan, Kayla Ryan, and Michael Ryan, son Clete and his family Brenda and Kiera Ryan, daughter Sonya Ryan-Graham and Jeff Covell and her sons Dirk Graham, and Gage Graham and wife Katrina, and his dear friend Lynda Tyler.

There will be a graveside service for Jack on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Jack's family.